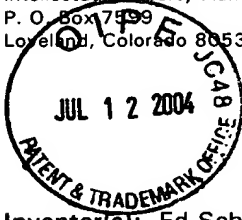


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Inventor(s): Ed Schlotzhauer et al

Serial No.: 09/955,796

Examiner: West, Jeffrey R.

Filing Date: September 18, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2857

Title: A METHOD FOR USER VARIATION OF A MEASUREMENT PROCESS

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which Established RCE practice.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

In response to the advisory action mailed on 24th June, 2004, Applicant wishes to enter the following remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

Please charge any fees necessary for prosecution of the present application to deposit account no. 08-2025. If any extension of time is required, such extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any additional required fee for extension of time to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.